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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

The undersigned thanks Examiner Jalatee Worjloh for the courtesy of the Examiner-initiated telephonic interview conducted on September 22, 2010. In the interview, Examiner Worjloh requested that the Applicant further clarify independent claim 1. The Applicant, in response, proposed the following amendment to independent claim 1.

1. (Proposed) A computer-implemented method implemented by a system that includes a content publisher, a digital content manager, a digital content publication server, a digital rights manager, and a content distributor, the method comprising:

obtaining, by the digital content publication server, first data that identifies unprotected digital content ~~which is~~ that has been stored at the digital content manager and ~~which has been~~ that has been selected by the content publisher for distribution or publication;

obtaining, by the digital content publication server, second data from the digital content manager that causes a digital content publication module of the digital content publication server to be invoked;

in response to obtaining the second data from the digital content manager, invoking the digital content publication module by the digital content publication server;

in response to invoking the digital content publication module, receiving the unprotected digital content and metadata associated with the unprotected digital content from the digital content manager by the digital content publication server;

providing, by the digital content publication server, an interface for display by the content publisher, wherein the interface allows ~~for allowing~~ the content publisher to enter publication information associated with the unprotected digital content;

receiving, by the digital content publication server and from the content publisher, the publication information associated with the unprotected digital using the interface, the publication information comprising distribution information that identifies the content distributor ~~distributors~~ that has been selected to distribute the digital content;

protecting, by the digital content publication server, the unprotected digital content by one or more processors and the digital content publication module, further comprising:

encrypting the unprotected digital content; and

storing the protected digital content in a directory of the digital content publication server without providing the protected digital content to the digital rights manager;

sending, by the digital content publication server, a rights label including the metadata and the publication information to the digital rights manager for registration by the digital rights manager;

obtaining, by the digital content publication server and from the digital rights manager, third data that indicates that the rights label has been registered with the digital rights manager;

~~providing-transmitting an alert,~~ by the digital content publication server, ~~data~~ to the content distributor, to indicate that the content distributor can retrieve the rights label from the digital rights manager; and

providing, for distribution, the protected digital content from the digital content publication server to a customer of the content distributor.

Examiner Worjloh responded with a phone call on September 23, 2010 requesting still further clarification of independent claim 1. In response, the Applicant submitted the following revised proposed independent claim 1.

Revised:

1. (Proposed) A computer-implemented method implemented by a system that includes a content publisher, a digital content manager, a digital content publication server, a digital rights manager, and a content distributor, the method comprising:

obtaining, by the digital content publication server, first data that identifies unprotected digital content ~~which is~~ that has been stored at the digital content manager and ~~which has been~~ that has been selected by the content publisher for distribution or publication;

obtaining, by the digital content publication server, second data from the digital content manager that causes a digital content publication module of the digital content publication server to be invoked;

in response to obtaining the second data from the digital content manager, invoking the digital content publication module by the digital content publication server;

in response to invoking the digital content publication module, receiving the unprotected digital content and metadata associated with the unprotected digital content from the digital content manager by the digital content publication server;

~~providing-generating~~, by the digital content publication server, an interface for display by the content publisher, wherein the interface allows ~~for-allowing~~ the content publisher to enter publication information associated with the unprotected digital content;

receiving, by the digital content publication server and from the content publisher, the publication information associated with the unprotected digital using the interface, the publication information comprising distribution information that identifies the content distributor that has been selected to distribute the digital content;

protecting, by the digital content publication server, the unprotected digital content by one or more processors and the digital content publication module, further comprising:

encrypting the unprotected digital content; and

storing the protected digital content in a directory of the digital content publication server without providing the protected digital content to the digital rights manager;

sending, by the digital content publication server, a rights label including the metadata and the publication information to the digital rights manager for registration by the digital rights manager;

obtaining, by the digital content publication server and from the digital rights manager, third data that indicates that the rights label has been registered with the digital rights manager;

and

~~providing~~ transmitting an alert, by the digital content publication server, ~~data~~ to the content distributor, to indicate that the content distributor can retrieve the rights label from the digital rights manager, making the protected digital content available for distribution from the digital content publication server to a customer of the content distributor.; ~~and~~

~~providing the protected digital content from the digital content publication server to a customer of the content distributor.~~

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In response, Examiner Worjloh telephoned the Applicant on September 24, 2010 to inform the Applicant that the claim amendments were acceptable and no further amendments were necessary. In response, the Applicant has submitted by facsimile and email to the Examiner proposed claim amendments to independent claims 1, 60 and 68 that recite the accepted claim language.

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Respectfully submitted,

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